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" Dr. Nagan Gouda and Sri Sankara Reddi met Sri Justice Misra in their free and personal capacities, not on behalf of this Government."

Issue of passports to foreign countries.

* 1254 *Q.*—Sri M. D. THIAGARAJA PILLAI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state why the Home Department take three or four months for issuing passports to go to foreign countries when they are duly recommended by the District Officer?

The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—" The issue of passports is not delayed as alleged, in the Home Department. If applications duly recommended by Collectors or the Commissioner of Police, as the case may be, are found on scrutiny to be in order and are accompanied by the relevant documents passports are issued forthwith. In the case of applications, however, that are found to be defective in any respect, the defects have to be set right by correspondence either with the applicant or the authorities concerned, which necessarily takes time and sometimes consultations with other State Governments or India Government are necessary."

Tirupatur-Krishnagiri and Morappur-Hosur railway lines.

9-20 a.m. * 1255 *Q.*—Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any recommendation has been made by the State Government to the Union Ministry of Railways for the re-opening of the dismantled railway lines of Tirupatur-Krishnagiri and Morappur-Hosur in our State; and

(*b*) the nature of the reply received from the Railway Ministry?

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" (*a*) Ever since the dismantlement of the lines in 1941, the Government of Madras have been urging the Central Government to take up the work connected with the restoration of the lines as metre gauge lines (instead of narrow gauge lines). An alternative proposal of linking Salem with Bangalore via Dharmapuri and Hosur by a metre gauge line is also under the consideration of this Government. After a decision is arrived at in the matter, the Government of India will again be addressed.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Travelling allowance to some teachers for work connected with the general elections.

* 1256 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state with reference to the answer to Question No. 152 given on 25th November 1952 whether it has since come to notice that teachers of some schools in Malabar,

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e.g., Ganapathi High School, Kozhikode, have not yet been paid travelling allowance in connexion with their work in the general elections?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—"Yes, Sir; so far as the teachers of the Ganapathi High School, Kozhikode, are concerned, they have all since been paid travelling allowance in connexion with the election duties they discharged during the last general elections and no claims are pending settlement. As regards the teachers of other aided schools in the district, their pending claims have all been settled except in the case of 37 teachers involving an aggregate amount of Rs. 178-4-0. Out of this, a sum of Rs. 80-8-0 is pending disbursement for want of the correct addresses of 19 claimants. The bills relating to the remaining 18 claimants involving an amount of Rs. 97-12-0 have been forwarded to the District Educational Officers of Central Malabar and North Malabar for scrutiny and passing them and on receipt of the bills from the District Educational Officers, arrangements will be made to disburse the amount as early as possible to the persons concerned."

Alleged detention of one Krishnan Nair at Kozhikode.

* 1257 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any complaint or representation from one Krishnan Nair of Kozhikode alleging that he has been detained illegally in the Government Mental Hospital for Lunatics, Kuthiravattam, Malabar; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, what action has been taken?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—"I believe, Sir, a similar question was asked the other day. Anyway, I am reading the answer, as it had been prepared long ago.

"(*a*) Yes.

"(*b*) He was in the Mental Hospital from 14th February 1953 to 4th March 1953 under observation. The hospital authorities reported he was sane. The man's behaviour in the lock-up was so violent and disorderly that the Police thought it safe to remove him to the Mental Hospital. The Police are searching his antecedents and security proceedings are reported to be pending now before Court."

Members of Legislatures as visitors of jails.

* 1258 *Q.*—SRI G. SIVASANKARA REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state whether G.O. Ms. No. 102, Home, dated 9th January 1953 modified G.O. Ms. No. 2080, Home, dated 10th June 1952, and thereby disallows members of the Madras and Central Legislatures from being non-official or special visitors to sub-jails and, if so, why?